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Dear

The Children's Vision Commission was founded in January 2008 to implement the new children's vision law. The law requires all children entering public schools in kindergarten or first grade for the first time to provide proof of a comprehensive vision examination.

There are approximately 75,000 children that enter public school for the first time each year. These children have a 25% chance of having a visual problem that could impact their ability to learn.

Our Commission is attempting to compile a list of prospective resources to which parents could refer when they are in need of assistance in acquiring this vision examination. We are asking for permission at this time to list your organization, and any assistance you feel you could offer at this time (such as financial, providing corrective eye wear or providing eye examinations at a free or reduced cost) on a resource list. This list will be retained by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Department of Health and Senior Services and used as a referral source.

The Children's Vision Commission thanks you for your willingness to support this effort. If you feel you are able to assist in any manner, please submit your contact information to:

Sincerely,

Michael C. Frier, OD, Chair Children's Vision Commission